**17th Century**

The **barometer** is an instrument used for measuring the pressure in the air. It was created in **1643** by **Evangelista Torricelli**. Today, it helps forecasters predict weather easier.

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**18th Century**

**Bifocals** were invented to see up close and far away. They were invented by **Benjamin Franklin** in **1780.** It helps older people see with one pair of glasses instead of switching between two.



**19th Century**

In the year **1819, Samuel Fahnestock** invented the **soda fountain**. It let many people have the same kind of soda with as much as they want. Now, people don’t have to make as many bottles and cans to hold the soda.



**20th Century**

**Zippers** were invented by **Gideon Sundback** in **1913**. It allowed us to keep clothing along with other things together. Now we can stay warmer easily.

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**21st Century**

In the year **2001, Tony Fadell** invented the **iPod**. The iPod allows people to listen to music that they choose to put on it. Many people today have iPods and take them everywhere because they enjoy their music so much.

